

## Issues Program List

### Quarterly Issues Program List

WAAL 99.1 FM  
WHWK 98.1 FM  
WNBF 1290 AM  
WWYL 104.1 FM  
WYOS 1360 AM

**October 1– December 31, 2020**

#### Section I. Issues

The Townsquare Binghamton radio stations listed here have identified the following significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. COVID-19 Health/Safety.** With rapidly changing circumstances locally surrounding the coronavirus pandemic, there is a need for a wide array of information concerning mental, physical, economic and cultural health of the community, families and individuals.
- B. Economic/Employment Issues.** Numerous reports continue to show challenges attracting and maintaining sustainable economic drivers and jobs in the region with the Southern Tier often coming in near the bottom of lists of economic recovery with challenges made even worse by a total shutdown of the economy in response to the pandemic.
- C. Crime/Criminal Justice.** Local law enforcement agencies report the region is struggling with crimes fueled by substance abuse, a proliferation of telephone and internet scams and other attempts to profit off fears from the pandemic.
- D. Culture/Arts/Education.** Area schools and family advocates say there is a need for support of cultural and artistic opportunities and other events affording families quality and educational time together, especially with schools and other educational facilities closed due to the pandemic.
- E. Poverty/Food Insecurity.** The Food Bank of the Southern Tier and the Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) report increased demand for services as the family economic dynamics change as a result of the coronavirus pandemic while the Brome County Safe Housing Task Force reports the serious lack of low to mid income housing stock that is affordable and safe.
- F. Religion/Charity Work.** Churches and other faith-based organizations are reporting increased interest and a need for emotional support during trying times of social upheaval and illness.
- G. Black Lives Matter/Diversity** In the aftermath of national incidents of racial bias, there is an increased focus locally on the makeup of the community, policing and services focused on certain ethnic and cultural groups.

#### Section II. Responsive Programming

##### Southern Tier Close Up

**Duration 15:00**

Locally produced and hosted public affairs program addresses topics specific to the above identified concerns in the community as well as affording an opportunity for various not-for-profit organizations to publicize their missions and upcoming events through interviews with elected officials, community leaders, experts in specific fields and spokespeople for official agencies and government offices.

Airs on WHWK Saturday at 6:00 a.m.

Airs on WYOS Saturday at 6:17 a.m.

Airs on WNBC Saturday at 12:15 p.m.  
Airs on WAAL Sunday at 6:00 a.m.  
Airs on WWYL Sunday at 6:00 a.m.

**Program Report:**

- 10/3/20-10/4/20 Spokesperson for the Broome County Public Library, Sherry Kowalsky talks about the programs that are still available at the library through the pandemic and how the library has been a valuable resource in keeping children educated and adults engaged during the quarantine lockdown period.
- Issues addressed: COVID-19, education**
- 10/10/20-10/11/20 Director of the Crime Victims Assistance Center in the Broome and Chenango Counties, Raini Baudendistel talks about Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the effect of the pandemic on domestic violence incidents and the ability of victims to seek help and steps that have been taken to keep services going for domestic and other crime victims.
- Issues addressed: COVID-19, crime, family**
- 10/17/20-10/18/20 Director of the Kopernik Observatory and Science Center, Drew Deskur talks about the just completed science playground that is fully accessible and educates about Science Technology Engineering and Math while children play by explaining how and why things work.
- Issues addressed: education, COVID-19, family**
- 10/24/20-10/25/20 Director of the Mental Health Association of the Southern Tier, Keith Leahey talks about dealing with the stress from the pandemic dragging on, social unrest over the summer and now "Election Anxiety" that has been added on to emotional burdens and where people can go to find help.
- Issues addressed: Mental Health, COVID-19, Black Lives Matter**
- 10/31/20-11/1/20 Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) director Les Aylesworth talks about hunger in the region and the annual Food-a-Bago food drive next week that will help bridge the gap that has widened due to the COVID-19 pandemic that has canceled a number of other food/fund raising events while demand for emergency food assistance has increased.
- Issues addressed: COVID-19, hunger, health**
- 11/7/20-11/8/20 Senior Public Health Sanitation nurse, Jamie Welch and public health educator, Chelsea Reome with the Broome County Health Department

talk about a recent report about high lead levels in Broome County and what residents should do to protect themselves and their families and the separate health concern about the start of the flu season during the COVID-19 pandemic and the importance of getting a flu shot.

**Issues addressed: health, COVID-19**

11/14/20-11/15/20

Broome County Executive Jason Garnar talks about his election win and how the county has been dealing with the challenges of COVID-19 including dealing with the pandemic on a health front, the economic impact and political wrangling over funding and regulations as well as the other issues of the years like social unrest and calls for law enforcement reform.

**Issues addressed: COVID-19, health, business, Black Lives Matter, crime**

11/21/20-11/22/20

Broome County Toys for Tots coordinator Binghamton Police Officer Chris Marshall talks about collecting new toys for needy children in Broome County, the expected increased demand due to the economic circumstances arising from the pandemic and how fund/toy-raising efforts are different this year.

**Issues addressed: poverty, COVID-19, economy**

11/28/20-11/29/20

Roberson Museum and Science Center executive director, Michael Grasso talks about Home for the Holidays, an annual tradition that highlights history, local artists and ethnic customs and the new protocols for the event to be able to take place this year in spite of restrictions due to the pandemic.

**Issues addressed: history-culture-arts, COVID-19, diversity**

12/5/20-12/6/20

Coordinator of the Holiday Lights Festival at Otsiningo Park, Dave Pessagno talks about the revival of the drive-through festival that benefits local veteran programs, hunger abatement, Catholic Charities, the Spiedie Fest and Balloon Rally and other not-for-profits.

**Issues addressed: family, COVID-19, hunger**

12/12, 13, 19, 12/20/20

Broome County District Attorney Michael Korchak talks about how the local criminal justice system has been working with constant closing and opening of courts for trials, bail reform and other issues and offers an insight on how the District Attorney's office work is not like you see on TV.

**Issues addressed: crime/criminal justice, COVID-19**

12/26/20-12/27/20

President of the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, Stacey Duncan talks about what businesses should be doing to close out the books on 2020 and plan for what may lie ahead in 2021.

**Issues addressed: COVID-19, business/economic development/jobs**

**Encounter**

**Duration 30:00**

Locally produced and hosted religious program originating from the Broome County Council of Churches addresses topics selected by the council in a faith-based discussion.

Airs on WHWK Saturday at 6:15 a.m.  
Airs on WYOS Saturday at 6:17 a.m.  
Airs on WAAL Sunday at 6:15 a.m.  
Airs on WWYL Sunday at 6:15 a.m.  
Airs on WNBF Sunday at 7:04 a.m.

10/3/20-10/4/20

Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott, NY talks to Yvonne Lucia, Grief Counselor and Spiritual Director about how we handle and cope with the pandemic.

**Issues addressed: COVID-19, mental health, religion**

10/10/20-10/11/20

Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches talks to Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell from Temple Concord about the Jewish High Holy Days.

**Issues addressed: religion, diversity**

10/17/20-10/18/20

Mark Kimplan, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to the Reverend Doctor Wilfredo Baez, Psychologist at the Greater Binghamton Health Center and Pastor at the First United Methodist Church in Endicott, NY about psychology in today's environment.

**Issues addressed: religion, mental health**

10/24/20-10/25/20

The Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church talks to Dr. Angela Johnson, Pastor of Grace Hope Presbyterian Church in Louisville Kentucky and The Reverend Doctor Corey Shaul, Pastor at Bernert Baptist Church in Louisville Kentucky about how the community is handling the issues plaguing Louisville Kentucky.

**Issues addressed: Religion, Black Lives Matter, diversity**

10/31/20-11/1/20

Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott, NY talks to the Reverend Bill Carter, Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania about navigating the pandemic through prayer and music.

**Issues addressed: COVID-19, religion, mental health**

11/7/20-11/8/20

Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches talks to former Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (CHOW) director, Jack Seaman, from the Broome County Council of Churches about the council's new grocery store that benefits a "food desert" community and contributes the proceeds back to hunger abatement programs.

**Issues addressed: Hunger, religion, poverty, health and nutrition**

11/14/20-11/15/20

The Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church talks to the Reverend Dr. April Stace, author of the book 'White Knuckle Love' about finding our way by losing ourselves.

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**Issues addressed: religion, well-being, health**

11/21/20-11/22/20

Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches, Mark Kimplan, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church, Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church and Jeff Kellum talk about Thanksgiving and the importance of giving thanks in difficult times.

**Issues addressed: religion, COVID-19, family, well-being**

11/28/20-11/29/20

Mark Kimplan, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks to the Reverend David Maflin, Director of New Faith Communities in the Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church about the lessons and wisdom of pastors and clergy who have or are about to retire from the ministry.

**Issue addressed: religion**

12/5/20-12/6/20

Jeff Kellum, Parish Associate at Union Presbyterian Church, Endicott, NY talks to Doctor James Kellum, Biology Professor at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania and Wendy Kellum Franzeez, Executive Staff Assistant, Student and Campus Life at Cornell University about Spirituality in the Workplace.

**Issues addressed, employment, health, religion**

12/12/20-12/13/20

Joe Selipack, Executive Director of the Broome County Council of Churches talks with Tim Taher, Pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church in Hillcrest, N.Y. about the Advent and how it is different with the pandemic.

**Issues addressed: religion, COVID-19**

12/19/20 – 12/20/20

The host Reverend Rachael Helgison from the Northminster Presbyterian Church talk with the Reverend Lucas Vevy Cepel and Alana Cepel Levy from the Presbyterian Church in Bixby, Oklahoma just outside of Tulsa about religious experiences in 2020.

**Issues addressed: religion, COVID-19, diversity, Black Lives Matter**

12/26/20-12/27/20

Mark Kimplan, Pastor of Endwell United Methodist Church talks with the Reverend Nancy Adams, District Superintendent of the Binghamton and Oneonta, New York Districts of the Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church about the past, present and future of the Advent and Holiday season.

**Issue addressed: religion**